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Commissioner for Patents,  
Alexandria VA 22313

On Sept. 8 2004  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
PHILIP E. EGGER'S et al. ) Examiner: Lee Cohen  
Application No.: 10/621,839 ) Art Unit: 3739  
Filed: July 16, 2003 ) AMENDMENT  
For: METHODS FOR ELECTROSURGICAL )  
TISSUE TREATMENT BETWEEN SPACED )  
APART ELECTRODES (AS AMENDED) )

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

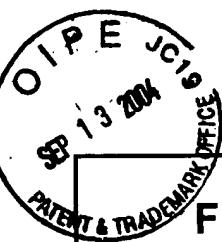
This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2004 for which a response was due July 30, 2004. This response is being filed with a request for a two month extension of time therefore extending the deadline to respond to September 30, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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## FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$438**

Application No.: 10/621,839

Filing Date: July 16, 2003

First Named Inventor: P. Eggers, et al.

Examiner Name: L. Cohen

Group Art Unit: 3739

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### FEE CALCULATION (continued)

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

**Deposit Account No. 50-0359**  
ArthroCare Corporation

#### FEE CALCULATION

##### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 770                   | 2001 385                   | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002 330                   | 2002 165                   | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003 520                   | 2003 260                   | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004 770                   | 2004 385                   | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005 160                   | 2005 80                    | Provisional filing fee |          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (1) \$0</b>    |                            |                        |          |

##### 2. [ x ] EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Extra Claims       | Fee from below | Fee Paid  |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Total Claims 25    | - 24** = 1     | x 18 = 18 |
| Independent _____  | - 3** = _____  | x 0 = 0   |
| Claims _____       |                |           |
| Multiple Dependent | 0              | = 0       |

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1202 18                    | 2202 9                     | Claims in excess of 20            |
| 1201 86                    | 2201 43                    | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290                   | 2203 145                   | Multiple dep. Claim               |
| 1204 86                    | 2204 43                    | **Reissue indp. over orig.        |
| 1205 18                    | 2205 9                     | **Reissue clms over 20            |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (2) \$18</b>   |                            |                                   |

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description   | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------|
| 1051 130                   | 2051 65                    | Surcharge – late filing fee or oath                       |          |
| 1052 50                    | 2052 25                    | Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet    |          |
| 1053 130                   | 1053 130                   | Non-English specification                                 |          |
| 1812 2,520                 | 1812 2,520                 | Request for ex parte reexamination                        |          |
| 1804 920*                  | 1804 920*                  | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner Action    |          |
| 1805 1,840                 | 1805 1,840*                | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner Action       |          |
| 1251 110                   | 2251 55                    | Extension for reply within 1 <sup>st</sup> month          |          |
| 1252 420                   | 2252 210                   | Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month          | 420      |
| 1253 950                   | 2253 475                   | Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month          |          |
| 1254 1,480                 | 2254 740                   | Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month          |          |
| 1255 2,010                 | 2255 1,005                 | Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month          |          |
| 1401 330                   | 2401 165                   | Notice of Appeal  |          |
| 1402 330                   | 2402 165                   | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                    |          |
| 1403 290                   | 2403 145                   | Request for oral hearing                                  |          |
| 1451 1,510                 | 1451 1,510                 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding             |          |
| 1452 110                   | 2452 55                    | Petition to revive - unavoidable                          |          |
| 1453 1,330                 | 2453 665                   | Petition to revive - unintentional                        |          |
| 1501 1,330                 | 2501 650                   | Utility issue fee (or reissue)                            |          |
| 1502 480                   | 2502 240                   | Design issue fee  |          |
| 1503 640                   | 2503 320                   | Plant issue fee   |          |
| 1460 130                   | 1460 130                   | Petitions to the Commissioner                             |          |
| 1807 50                    | 1807 50                    | Processing fee under 37 CFR1.17(q)                        |          |
| 1806 180                   | 1806 180                   | Submission of IDS   |          |
| 8021 40                    | 8021 40                    | Recording assignment per property                         |          |
| 1809 770                   | 2809 385                   | Filing a submission after final                           |          |
| 1810 770                   | 2810 385                   | For each additional invention to be examined              |          |
| 1801 770                   | 2801 385                   | Request for Continued Examination                         |          |
| 1802 900                   | 1802 900                   | Request for expedited examination of a design application |          |
| <b>Other fee: _____</b>    |                            |   |          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (3) \$420</b>  |                            |   |          |

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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